Shortage of Power of Athurwala Vistapeeth, Dehradun

4457. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute power shortage in Athurwala Vistapeeth, Dehradun area of THDC;

(b) whether Government propose to install a transformer near Raturi Tent House, Athurwala, Vistapeeth Dehradun to help obviate power shortage in the area;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Supply and distribution of electricity within the State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. Power supply to various areas/ categories of consumers is decided by the State Government depending upon the overall availability of power in the state. At present, the overall power supply position in Uttaranchal is satisfactory.

According to Uttaranchal Power Corporation Ltd. (UPCL), there is no power shortage in Athurwala Vistapeeth, Dehradun area of THDC, and there is no proposal for installing in transformer near Raturi Tent House in this area. However, in some locality of Vistapeeth area there is a low voltage problem for which UPCL is undertaking some improvement works. This work by UPCL is likely to be completed by 31.5.2002.

Counter guarantee for energy generation projects

†4458. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments have given counter guarantee for energy generation projects;

(b) if so, the project-wise details thereof and reasons therefor;

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(c) whether Government propose to review these projects; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The government has been monitoring the progress of the private power projects, including the projects, which have been selected for extending the counter guarantee of the Government of India, from time to time and providing assistance to them in obtaining necessary inputs/clearances. Government of India provided counter guarantee to eight projects in 1994. Details of the private power projects, which have already been extended counter guarantee of Government of India, are as follows :

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)	Date of Counter Guarantee/ Status of Project
1	2	3	4
1.	Dabhol Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Phase-I M/s Dabhol Power Co., Maharashtra	740	September 15, 1994 Phase-I completed.
2.	Jagurupadu Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, M/s GVK Industries Ltd., Andhra Pradesh	216	September 4, 1996 Project fully commissioned
3.	Bhadravati Thermal Power Project, M/s Central India Power Co. Ltd., Maharashtra	1082	August 1, 1998 (Validity of CG expired on 31.3.2001. Further extension has not been given.
4.	Neyveli (Single Unit Lignite Based) Thermal Power Project, M/s ST-CMS Electric Co., Tamil Nadu	250	August 14, 1998 Project under construction
5.	Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Project, M/s Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd., Andhra Pradesh	1040	August 19, 1998 (The validity to the counter guarantee was extended on two occasions, up to February 18, 2000 and again upto August 18, 2000. The validity of the counter guarantee has not been extended August 18, 2000).

M/s Spectrum Power Generation Limited, the promoters of the 208 MW Godavari CCGT in Andhra Pradesh withdrew their request for counter guarantee. The Project has been fully commissioned. In the case of the remaining two projects on December 22, 1999, Government of India approved extension of counter guarantee, through a revised procedure, for the 500 MW Ib Valley Thermal Power Project in Orissa of M/s. AES Ib Valley Corporation and the 1013.2 MW Mangalore Thermal Power Project in Karnataka of M/s. Mangalore Power Company Ltd. The draft Counter guarantee and tripartite agreement documents in respect of these two projects have been forwarded to the respective State Government for comments/ necessary action. Further action for extending counter guarantee for these two projects will be taken after necessary action is taken by the concerned State Governments for fulfilment of the terms and conditions for extension of the counter guarantee of the Government of India.

Non-Cooperative attitude of state towards power reforms

†4459. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have adopted non-cooperative attitude towards power reforms and do not appear to be serious thereon;

(b) the kind of cooperation, the Central have expected from the States;

(c) whether Government are concerned over the investment not being made by the domestic and foreign investors in absence of the reforms in that sector; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The States have accepted the need for power sector reforms. A consensus was reached in the Conference of Chief Minister/Power Ministers held in March, 2001 on the need to depoliticize power sector reforms and speed up their

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